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C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 7945

VIENNA FOR USIAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENGR, TECH, PARM, CO
SUBJ: BILATERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 187696; B) CARACAS 8134

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REF A, WHICH
WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN MAKING FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO GOC
ON NPT RATIFICATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO THESE POINTS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO ALERT THE COLOMBIANS TO THE POSSIBILITY OR LIKELIHOOD THAT
PENDING LEGISLATION COULD CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR COLOMBIA IN
OBTAINING NUCLEAR FUELS FROM THE U.S. IF THE GOC FAILS TO MOVE
TOWARD RATIFICATION OF NPT. THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM IS SUGGESTED
IN PAR 2 REF A BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT THE "CONDITIONS WHICH
WILL BE REQUIRED" WOULD INCLUDE NPT RATIFICATION. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON THIS POINT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS ADDITIONAL, IN A SENSE HARDER,
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ARGUMENT MAY BE REQUIRED TO MOVE THE GOC FROM ITS PRESENT
POSITION. DURING THE AUGUST 22 BOGOTA VISIT OF IO DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALLEY (SEPTTEL), HE AND EMBOFFS RAISED
NPT IN A MEETING WITH SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIALS ON A BROAD RANGE OF
TOPICS. ALTHOUGH TIME AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS CIRCUMSTANCES,
DID NOT PERMIT PRESENTATION OF ALL TALKING POINTS, THE OFFICIALS
REMAINED QUITE UNMOVED WITH REGARD TO SOME. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN

U.S. SIDE POINTED OUT THAT NPT RATIFICATION WOULD ONLY REAFFIRM EXISTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, THE COLOMBIAN RESPONSE WAS THAT, WHILE THAT OBSERVATION WAS CORRECT, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR COLOMBIA TO PULL OUT OF THE TLATELOLCO AGREEMENT THAN OUT OF THE NPT, IF FUTURE COLOMBIAN SECURITY REQUIREMENTS SO WARRANTED.

4. WITH REGARD TO PRESIDENTIAL-LEVEL APPROACH FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ IN SUPPORT OF THE NPT, WE ARE NOT PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL THAT PEREZ WOULD BE ABLE TO CAUSE ANY APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN THE PRESENT GOC STANCE ON NPT RATIFICATION. HOWEVER, SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD DO NO HARM.

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